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Subject: PM 818 - Filter Cigarette With Inlet Vent Zones

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In reference to Dr. Seligman's memo of March 2, 1981, I would like a listing of all patents issued to Philip Morris that relate to filter design. In a separate related group of documents, I would like a list of disclosures and applications in preparation. For "starters", the title and claims would be sufficient for the patents and a summary of the disclosures sufficient for the rest.

I plan to review PM 818 in light of the whole picture and recommend to Dr. Seligman a strategy for the filtration area that might help us better place this and future inventions in terms of priorities and areas where we would like to file. It would also be useful to know in which countries counterpart applications were filed or patents issued.

This area is especially important for the future since companies have not been able to make as significant an impact with filter design as logic might dictate (except, of course, for the use of a filter versus no filter). Mr. Meyer's comment is exactly the type of reason we should focus in this area since it provides opportunity for future advancements.

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